

SANDBLAST 2025

March 1

This year I traveled on Wednesday February 26. I left Mint Hill at 2PM and arrived at 3:50. I had reserved Campsite 10F at H Cooper Black. Shortly after I backed in, the Ranger drove up and welcomed me.

In a quick hour I was all set up.



Checked into the evening net and CNE.

Cooked dinner and cleanup, At 2130 went on 4RN and then was NCS for CNL at 2200. The Next morning I checked into the NCMN at 0745, fixed breakfast and went into town to register for the event. On the way back stopped over at the Patrick Town Hall and visitor with Mary (N4MH) a bit. Then drove the nearby course a bit picking a good place to watch before heading back and do some POTA CW hunting. Got my 10 CW Park to Park and took a nap. Friday I was called to help some new Volunteers setup their gear in their vehicles, so we met at Sandblast HQ and got them all set up. Friday night was a new set of races this year in the dark vs

the practice run in the afternoon, so I hung around the service area ready to provide assistance. Saturday it is up early as I meet the radio teams at 0600 in the Cheraw High School parking lot in case anyone needs radio help. I then proceed over to Patrick Service area where I wait for support calls on either the radio or phone. During the afternoon I went over to a good viewing corner and shot these pictures.









This one hit the turn a bit too fast and drifted up into the weeds, After being towed out they finished the event albeit with a very poor time.

Then back to camp, fix dinner and go watch the last segment at night. It is only about ½ mile away.

Then into town for the awards dinner and back by 4RN net time at 2130. CNL at 2200 then bed,

Up at 0730 for the Morning net, then packup, hookup, dump the tanks and head home. Back home by 1300.

Another GREAT year... See YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.

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